

What is claimed is:

SUB B1 } 1. A method for purchasing goods or services from a seller by a buyer comprising:

(a) receiving a request from a buyer for goods or services with predetermined criteria related to the goods or services;

(b) selecting at least one seller from a predetermined group of sellers of the goods or services based on the received predetermined criteria;

(c) transmitting the request of the buyer to the selected at least one seller of the goods or services;

(d) receiving, within a predetermined time interval, responses from the at least one seller to the request;

(e) compiling information provided in the responses received from the at least one seller within the predetermined time interval;

(f) ranking the sellers based upon the compiled information and selecting sellers with the relatively highest ranking; and

(g) providing the compiled responses of the selected sellers for access by the buyer.

2. the method of claim 1, wherein in (a), a computer receives the request.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein in (b), selecting is performed by a central computer.





15. The system according to claim 14, wherein the computation means includes the central computer.

16. The system according to claim 14, wherein the output means includes an internet connection.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein the goods are selected from the group consisting of vehicle computers or appliances.

18. The system according to claim 17, wherein the goods are vehicles.

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19. A system for obtaining information for the purchasing of automobiles by prospective buyers:

input means, including a computer, for receiving a request for a desired automobile from a prospective buyer, the request including predetermined criteria related to the automobile;

selection means, including a central computer, for selecting at least two providers from a predetermined group of providers of the automobile based on the predetermined criteria;

transmission means, including an internet connection, for transmitting the request of the prospective buyer to the selected providers;

reception means, including the central computer, for receiving, within a predetermined time interval, responses from the selected providers;

computation means, including the central computer, for compiling information provided in the response received within the predetermined time interval for ranking the providers based upon the compiled information, and for selecting providers with the relatively highest ranking; and

output means, including an internet connection, for providing the compiled responses of the selected providers for access by the prospective buyer.

20. The system of claim 19, wherein the automobile is a previously owned automobile.